

I am in full support of the petitions submitted by No-Code International (RM-10786) and the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (RM-10787) to eliminate the 5 WPM Element 1 Morse code Testing.

The current requirement for element 1 Morse code testing has become an outdated and burdensome requirement for modern Amateur Radio. This requirement not only hampers technical creativity and advancement for current licensees but also precludes the entry of otherwise technically inclined individuals into the service.

Amateur Radio has many modes of communications that would appeal to a wide variety of potential Amateur Radio Operators, including new and evolving digital modes in addition to traditional analog voice modes. None of these new or established modes require proficiency in Morse code to either maintain or progress the service.

As technological advances, the Morse code requirement is becoming inconsistent with the mission of the Amateur Radio Service as it acts as a barricade to the advancement current license holders in addition to otherwise qualified individuals who wish to participate in the service.

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